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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Board Staff
RE: STATEMENT OF BOARD POLICY ON POSSIBLE 2004 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Background and Summary

State Board of Health Policy 2001-001 creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. The Board revised this policy in December 2002, and one of the changes adopted allowed for the creation of a "sense of the Board" document that could inform staff and individual Board members as issues came up during legislative session. (The revised policy is attached.)

At its December 10, 2003 meeting, the Board reviewed a preliminary draft of such a document that would provide guidance for the 2004 legislative session, an interim or "short session" that convened January 12. the 2004 session. For today's meeting, I have provided a proposed update to that document, the "Statement of Board Policy on Possible 2004 Legislative Issues," for your review and possible adoption at this time (see attached).

I have also provided a list of issues that are likely to come up for legislative discussion this session (see attached).

Recommended Board Action

The Board may wish to consider, amend if necessary and adopt the following motion:

The Board adopts the "Statement of Board Policy on Possible 2004 Legislative Issues" as submitted at this meeting to provide a sense of the Board consistent with Policy 2001-001.

Attachments